

DANIEL PURDY.

DECEMBER 23, 1831.

MR. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Purdy, report:

That it is clearly proved that the petitioner is in very indigent circumstances; that he is more than seventy-six years of age, unable to labor, and must depend on private or public charity for his future support.

The petitioner has made a statement under oath, that, about the first of June, 1775, he enlisted into Captain Doolittle's company, Colonel Waterbury's regiment, and in General Wooster's brigade, to serve until the first of November then next. That the regiment to which he belonged was sent on an expedition to Canada, under General Montgomery, and that he served in that expedition more than three months. That, on the first of December, 1775, he again enlisted as a drummer in Captain Steward's company, in Colonel Drake's regiment, for upwards of three months; that the service he rendered that winter was near New York. That, in July, 1776, he again enlisted into Colonel Thomas' regiment, and General Clinton's brigade, as a drummer, for over five months; that he faithfully served out the several terms of his enlistment. That the amount of his service, under these enlistments, is more than twelve months. He also states various services that he rendered in the militia in 1778, 1779, 1780, and 1781, when called out for purposes of defence; which militia services exceeded, in all, over ten months.

John Finch deposes, that, in the time of the war, he lived in the same town with the petitioner, and was well acquainted with him; that he knew that the petitioner was a steady and firm friend to his country; that he believes he was one of the first who took up arms in her defence; that he has no doubt that the petitioner was in the service in Canada in 1775; that he knows that petitioner served from first of December, 1775, to twentieth March, 1776, as a drummer; that he belonged to the same company. That he also knows that petitioner enlisted in July, 1776, as stated by him, and that he served under that enlistment until January, 1777; that he was at that time in same company, and that he was knowing to the petitioner's performing about three months service in the latter part of the year 1777, in Colonel Drake's regiment.

Sylvanus Townsend, another witness, confirms the statement of the petitioner as to his service in 1775 and in 1776, and also to his services in the militia in the subsequent years. And from all the evidence in the case, the committee are fully satisfied that the petitioner, by reason of services and sacrifices rendered and suffered during the three first years of the war, is justly entitled to the benefits of the pension act of March, 1818. They therefore report a bill.

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December 23, 1831.

Mr. HARRIS, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Purdy, report.

That it is clearly proved that the petitioner is an very indigent and aged man; that he is more than seventy years of age, unable to labor, and must depend on private charity for his subsistence.

The petitioner has made a statement under oath, that about the first of June, 1775, he enlisted into Captain Joseph's company, Colonel Bland's regiment, and in August, 1775, he sailed for the West Indies, where he remained until the first of November, 1775. That the regiment to which he belonged was sent on an expedition to Canada, where General Montcalm's army was defeated on the 31st of October, 1775. That on the 1st of December, 1775, he again enlisted as a drummer in Captain Stewart's company, in Colonel Drake's regiment, for upwards of three months; that in July, 1776, he returned that winter was near New York. That in July, 1776, he enlisted into Colonel Thomas's regiment, and General Clinton's brigade, as a drummer, for over two months; that he is unable to do the service of his regiment. That the amount of his service, under these circumstances, is more than twelve months. He also states various services that he rendered in the months of 1775, 1776, 1777, 1780, and 1781, when called out for purposes of defense, which military services exceeded, in all, over ten months.

John Finch deposes that at the time of the war, he lived in the same town with the petitioner, and was well acquainted with him; that he knew that the petitioner was a steady and true friend to his country; that he never heard of his being in the service in any other manner; that he never heard that the petitioner was in the service in Canada in 1775; that he knows that petitioner served from first of December, 1775, to twenty-first of March, 1776, as a drummer; that he belonged to the same company. That he also knows that petitioner enlisted in July, 1776, as stated by him, and that he served under that enlistment until January, 1777; that he was at that time in some company, and that he was known to the petitioner's parents for about three months service in the latter part of the year 1775 in Colonel Drake's regiment.

Stevanus Townsend, another witness, confirms the statement of the petitioner as to his service in 1775 and in 1776, and also to his service in the militia in the subsequent years. And from all the evidence in the case, the committee are fully satisfied that the petitioner is entitled to services and services rendered and suffered during the three first years of the war, justly entitled to the benefit of the pension act of March, 1818. They therefore report a bill.